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MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT (37 CFR 1.378(b))**

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## 1. SMALL ENTITY

☒ Patentee claims, or has previously claimed, small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

## 2. LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

☐ Patentee is no longer entitled to small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)

## 3. MAINTENANCE FEE (37 CFR 1.20(e)-(g))

The appropriate maintenance fee must be submitted with this petition, unless it was paid earlier.

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MAINTENANCE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. SURCHARGE

The surcharge required by 37 CFR 1.20(i)(1) of \$ 700. (Fee Code 1557) must be paid as a condition of accepting unavoidably delayed payment of the maintenance fee.

SURCHARGE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## 5. MANNER OF PAYMENT

☒ Enclosed is a check for the sum of \$ 1,940.<sup>00</sup>☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

## 6. AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ANY FEE DEFICIENCY

☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any maintenance fee, surcharge or petition fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

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## 8. SHOWING

The enclosed statement will show that the delay in timely payment of the maintenance fee was unavoidable since reasonable care was taken to ensure that the maintenance fee would be paid timely and that this petition is being filed promptly after the patentee was notified of, or otherwise became aware of, the expiration of the patent. The statement must enumerate the steps taken to ensure timely payment of the maintenance fee, the date and the manner in which the patentee became aware of the expiration of the patent, and the steps taken to file the petition promptly.

## 9. PETITIONER(S) REQUESTS THAT THE DELAYED PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE BE ACCEPTED AND THE PATENT REINSTATED.



Signature(s) of Petitioner(s)

10/15/2009

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## ENCLOSURES:



Maintenance Fee Payment



Statement why maintenance fee was not paid timely



Surcharge under 37 CFR 1.20(i)(1) (fee for filing the maintenance fee petition)



Other:

37 CFR 1.378(d) states: "Any petition under this section must be signed by an attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office, or by the patentee, the assignee, or other party in interest."

  
Signature

10/05/2009  
Date

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STATEMENT

(In the space below, please provide the showing of unavoidable delay recited in paragraph 8 above.)

Dear Commissioner:

I am writing this statement to sincerely apologize to you for my failing to timely pay the maintenance fee for my patent, and kindly request that you hereby accept payment of such fee and reinstate my patent.

By way of background, I have been an amateur inventor since 1998. I hold two patents with your office.

I have also previously paid the maintenance fees for both of my patents when they came due in 2004 and 2005.

While in no way justifies my oversight, I failed to pay the maintenance fee in 2007 primarily because I was expecting to receive a payment notice.

Moreover, the last two (3) years have been particularly difficult for me, both mentally and physically, because I had to dedicate much of my time to caring for my mother, who was severely ill. She is currently receiving dialysis three times a week on an outpatient basis. Furthermore, I am also carrying for my spouse who is in constant need of medical care due to an on-going case of migraine head ache. I could supply medical documentations on the above two cases if you deem necessary.

Accordingly, I kindly implore you to excuse my indiscretion and to please reinstate my patent.

Thank you for your courtesy.

Very truly yours,  
Shawn Omrani

(Please attach additional sheets if additional space is needed)